other work which may be notified by the Central Government in consultation with the State Government.

(b) and (c) NREGA provides for enhancement of livelihood security to those households whose members volunteer to do unskilled manual work. Skilled jobs are not covered under NREGA.

Use of heavy machines for NREG works

1781. SHRI SYED AZEEZ PASHA: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have detected that heavy machines like Proclines and Cranes are used in NREG works, instead of manual labour; and

(b) if so, what steps did Government initiate to curb and prevent such practices?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHANDRA SEKHAR SAHU): (a) No, Sir.

(b) The Act provides (Schedule 1 paragraph 12) that as far as practicable, a task funded under the scheme shall be performed by using manual labour and not machines. States have been advised to ensure compliance.

New proposal for Darjeeling hilly area under PMGSY

†1782. SHRI SAMAN PATHAK: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any new proposal for Darjeeling hilly areas of West Bengal under the Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the agencies which have been entrusted with the work of repair under the Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana for hilly areas?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHANDRA SEKHAR SAHU): (a) No, Sir. No new

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proposal for Darjeeling hilly areas of West Bengal under Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY) has been received.

(b) Does not arise.

(c)As per the PMGSY Programe guidelines, roads are covered by a 5-year maintenance contracts, to be entered into alongwith the construction contract, with the same contractor. Funds for maintenance of the PMGSY roads are provided by the State Government.

Allocations under Swajaldhara Yojana

†1783. SHRI SAMAN PATHAK: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the amount allotted for the year 2006-07 under Swajaldhara Yojana;

(b) whether priority has been given to the hilly areas, particularly hilly rural areas, under this Scheme; and

(c) to what extent the Scheme has been implemented in the hilly zone Darjeeling of West Bengal in the current year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHANDRA SEKHAR SAHU): (a) The amount allocated to all States under Swajaldhara Yojana for 2006-07 is given in the Statement (See below).

(b) Funds under Swajaldhara scheme are allocated to all States from the Centre as per the inter-State Accelerated Rural Water Supply Programme (ARWSP) allocation ratio fixed for the year, This ratio is worked out on the basis of the Rural Population, States under DDP, DRAP, HADP & special category hill States in terms of rural areas, Not Covered/ Partially Covered villages (at 2:1 ratio) and Quality affected villages.

(c) 33 schemes are reported to have been taken up in the Hilly zone of Darjeeling district.

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